

**SUGAR**  
Cane: 4.48c lb., \$89.60 per ton.  
Beets: 14s. 9½d. per cwt., \$103.10 per ton.

# HAWAIIAN STAR.

**WEATHER**  
Ther., min., 66.  
Bar., 8 a. m., 30.04.  
Wind, 1 m., 14 N. E.  
Rain, 24h., 8 a. m., .03.

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## ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP SECY. KNOX

### CAMPBELL REPLIES TO WAKEFIELD

At the meeting of the harbor commissioners this afternoon Chairman Marston Campbell rose to make a few remarks about the statements made by Commissioner Wakefield at last week's meeting.

The chairman was very cool, but brought forth his points clearly. The statement was listened to with interest and, when the Star went to press, the matter was still being discussed. Mr. Campbell's signed statement read as follows:

March 20, 1912.

Gentlemen: I rise to a point of personal privilege.

For the meeting last Wednesday I prepared two charcoal sketches—one of the proposed bulkhead plan, and one of the pier plan—showing on each the possible maximum areas of floor space under shed, length of dockage, etc. These sketches were made as illustrations, purely, and for reference in discussion. I was taken very much by surprise when Mr. Wakefield, a

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### Site Litigation May Long Delay Federal Building

The Mahuka site case will probably go to the jury next Saturday morning, according to a statement made today by United States District Attorney R. W. Breckons, who adds that he expects a verdict to be returned before the end of that day.

Today the attorneys for the two sides are engaged in cleaning up their cases, introducing the remaining bits of evidence and getting ready for the argument, which will begin Friday morning.

No evidence of great importance was given this morning. The government introduced one or two witnesses to clear up or strengthen testimony previously given, and then the respondents began with their rebuttal.

This was principally cumulative and corroborative of testimony already given by witnesses for the defense. It will probably take the rest of today, and possibly of tomorrow, to finish the testimony in rebuttal.

The morning session was enlivened by several passages at arms between Judge Dole and counsel for the respondents. The sharp clash yesterday left the atmosphere of the courtroom much troubled, and both judge and attorneys exhibit a tendency to take easy umbrage whenever one or the other is crossed in any manner.

Both sides express firm confidence as to the verdict to be returned by the jury. The attorneys for the government express the opinion that the jury will largely leave out of consideration the testimony of the experts, while the attorneys for the respondents profess to believe that the evidence of their star experts will sway the minds of the jurymen to a very considerable degree.

The case now on trial is only the first of seven that are to be heard. As there is the possibility of appeal in each of the cases, it may be many months before the question at issue as to how much the government should pay for a site for the federal building, is settled finally. Fears are expressed that the appropriation may lapse before a final settlement is reached and that Honolulu may get no federal building at all, in case an economically-minded Congress should refuse to renew the appropriation.

### DYNAMITE ON NICARAGUA RAILROAD

(Associated Press Cables to the Star.)

NEW ORLEANS, March 20.—Thirteen dynamite bombs were found in the roadbed of the train conveying Secretary Knox in Nicaragua. Several conspirators responsible for the act have probably been put to death.

### MORE THAN QUARTER OF 11,500 BUNCHES OF BANANAS REJECTED

The largest banana shipment that has been exported in a year went out on the Sierra this morning, according to Territorial Market Superintendent Starrett, who was busy up to a late hour yesterday evening superintending the inspection and tagging of the lot.

"Eleven thousand, five hundred bunches were brought down to the docks for shipment," said Mr. Starrett this morning, "and out of this number we discarded three thousand bunches while the other eighty-five hundred were sent on O. K."

"The work of convincing the planters that their bananas must be bugless for shipment, is becoming less

and less irksome each week," said the superintendent.

"The planters are taking a more intelligent and broadminded view of the matter, with the result that we don't have the trouble upon the docks which we used to meet."

"They are cutting down their infected plants voluntarily and are taking measures to see that the fly does not spread any more. Their fields look better and, as a result of their gradual adoption of scientific methods of agriculture, the product is much improved."

"The more intellectual planters are gradually instructing their stubborn and bigoted brethren, with the result that it won't be long before the inspection and tagging of the bananas will be merely a matter of form."

### VERY ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS FOR NEW AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL

There is every appearance that the Kahuku secondary industrial school will be a great success. Inspector Gibson feels very enthusiastic and sanguine about the proposition and, judging from the way boys and their parents are asking for particulars, and the manner in which boys of eighteen or so beg to be given a chance, success is assured.

At the present time there are on the waiting list, more than the fifty boys necessary to start the school. The best of these lads will be selected, and those who have good recommendations from their former teachers will get the preference.

Superintendent Pope and Inspector Gibson are looking around for a suitable man to appoint as principal of the Kahuku agricultural school. One man has been suggested, who is said to be just the person for the position. He has had training on a farm, and is considered to be a splendid teacher also. The matter has not been settled yet, and will probably not be till the school commissioners meet in June next.

Boys keep dropping in every day to see Mr. Gibson, and he is only too pleased to interview the lads. The inspector finds that the youths are all anxious to learn some trade that will give them a chance in life. Most of them had to leave school before they attained any learning that would suit them for any occupation above that of a laborer.

Mr. Gibson thinks that boys who are trained in practical field work at the Kahuku school will, after they graduate, be able to attend the proposed course in sugar raising at the College of Hawaii. The young men will then have had real experience in the cane fields, and will be able to finish up with a course in soil chemistry and other courses in sugar growing.

If the Kahuku school turns out to be a success and, in most people's minds there is no doubt of that, other secondary industrial schools will be established on plantations. The plantation agents are willing to help out, and the Kahuku people are ready to start on the necessary buildings as soon as the enrollment of students is finished.

### BONNY SPIER MISSES BOAT

Bonny Spier recently working in a local barber shop was hauled off the S. S. Sierra just before she sailed this morning by Officer Olsen, and is now facing a charge of being on the premises of Rudolph Berger last night without lawful excuse. He claims that he was bidding Mrs. Berger goodbye.

When searched Spier had checks amounting to \$200 and twenty dollars in cash on his person.

An attempt was made to arrest Spier last night but he broke away from three of his would-be captors.

Spier is out on bond furnished by a well-known local barber.

### M'Bryde to Refund \$2,000,000 Bonds

According to statements made by J. P. Cooke, president of the McBryde Sugar Company, at the annual stockholders' meeting held this morning, the McBryde plantation is in most excellent condition in almost every way and the outlook is most promising for the future.

Mr. Cooke repeated his prediction made some time ago that, unless the price of sugar drops unexpectedly low, McBryde will this year pay \$1 per share in dividends.

### SUGAR TRUST LETTERS.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The "Cousin Dave" letters will probably be admitted to evidence against the directors of the American Sugar Company. They are letters that passed between Thomas and Stetson and are said to contain certain secret information drawn from Segal.

### SOCIETY SMUGGLER SUICIDE.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Mrs. Blanche Carson, who is prominent in San Francisco, hung herself today in a hotel. She had been caught smuggling jewelry while returning from the durbar.

### ANOTHER PARTISAN INVESTIGATION.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The State Department Committee of the House has begun an investigation of Secretary Knox's supposed use of a department employee as a valet.

### LA FOLLETTE AWAY AHEAD.

FARGO, S. D., March 20.—Returns from the primaries in 1167 of 1800 precincts of South Dakota give La Follette 34,159 votes; Roosevelt 22,877 and Taft 3000.

### CERTAIN OF A COAL STRIKE.

CLEVELAND, March 20.—The closing of the collieries on April 1, is believed to be inevitable. The conference is futile and the miners say they will stick.

### EIGHTY MEN ENTOMBED.

MCCURTAIN, Ok., March 20.—Eighty men have been entombed by an explosion in the Sans Bois mine.

### ENGINEER HARVEY GOES TO KAPAA

Governor Frear this morning discussed Kapa'a land matters with Engineer Harvey, who is proceeding to the Garden Island in order to inspect and locate the sites of several ditches that he laid out some three years ago. Mr. Harvey belongs to Maui, but on account of his knowledge of the Kapa'a district, he was instructed to go to Kapa'a for a few days.

There are surveyors over at Kapa'a at present and they will, when shown the ditch locations by Harvey, proceed to make maps of the proposed water courses. The surveyors are also working on the laying out of the Kapa'a homestead lots.

Col. Z. S. Spalding was a caller on the governor this morning and talked of various matters pertaining to the windward side of Kapa'a.

### Aftermath of St. Patrick's

In the police court this morning Frank Kanne, charged with assault and battery on a Fort Shafter soldier, was given a suspended sentence for thirteen months.

Complaining witness did not appear to prosecute and it was shown that defendant suffered extreme provocation.

Ah Cheong was sent to jail for four months for stealing a couple of chickens, the property of little Jimmy Holt.

Pat Brady, the bum, charged with vagrancy, was committed for trial. He waived examination and demanded a jury trial.

John E. Faris, drunk, was fined \$3 and costs.

### Look What's Here!

Half a dozen drunks were run in this afternoon, including such well known characters as Dennis O'Brien, Frank Duffy and Joe Casey.

The remainder of the sextette were Devaney, A. Matson and Chris Jensen.

Devaney remarked to the receiving clerk that it didn't speak well for a country to be pulling a couple of poor drunks.

"I was drunk," exclaimed Devaney, "but I would have you know that I am no bum. It was St. Patrick's Day on Sunday and me and my friends—"

At this point Devaney was escorted below to hold a consolation service with O'Brien and Casey.

### THE POLITICAL POT

There was a well attended meeting of the Pauoa precinct club, Democratic, last night. Col. McCarthy was present, but not his rival for the congressional delegate nomination, Lincoln L. McCandless.

Speeches were made by McCarthy, Mayor Fern and B. G. Rivenburgh, mayor's private secretary, and members of the club. Although no definite pronouncement between the rival candidates was made, it is said to have been very much a McCarthy meeting.

Kaimuki and Paiole.

The Democratic club of the first precinct, fourth district, will have a meeting tomorrow evening in the small schoolhouse behind the former Alliolani College main building. It is expected that both the Colonel and "Link" will attend, and there is more or less anticipation of "fireworks."

Republican Meetings.

The 5th Precinct, 4th District Republican Club will hold a meeting at Lusitana Hall Friday night to consider whether the delegates to the convention shall be instructed or uninstructed.

The 8th Precinct, 4th District Republican Club will meet tomorrow night at seven-thirty in San Antonio Hall to elect officers.

### PINEAPPLE CO. TO BE SOLD OUT

Judge Cooper this morning issued an order for the sale of the property of the Oahu Pineapple Co., Ltd., under foreclosure proceedings instituted by the First National Savings & Trust Co. of Hawaii, Ltd. The suit was brought upon a promissory note for \$15,000, given by the defendant and secured by a mortgage upon all of the defendant's property.

Judge Cooper appointed E. C. Winston temporary receiver and Job Bachelder commissioner to sell the property.

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### BLAZE OVER TAILOR SHOP

An alarm of fire was turned in about 11:30 a. m. from the box at the corner of King and River streets.

The department responded quickly and when the engine arrived a smoldering mattress, some pillows and a coverlet or two, all smoking, had been thrown into the street from a second-story occupied by H. Fujimoto, a Japanese tailor shop a little Walkiki of River street on the mauka side.

The blaze was quickly extinguished and little damage was done, although the tailor shop below got a pretty fair wetting.

The cause of the fire is unknown, as nobody was upstairs at the time.

### PUPUKEA ROAD CONTRACT GIVEN

Tenders for the construction of the Pupukea road were opened in the public works office yesterday afternoon. This afternoon the contract for a 16-foot wide road was awarded to T. Bauman for \$6600.

There were two bids put in and three different widths of road were specified, the tenders were shown that way. For a road twenty, eighteen or sixteen feet wide, T. Bauman tendered as follows: \$9800, \$8600 and \$6600.

Gomes & Co. were the other bidders, and their tenders for the three types of road were \$9400, \$8990 and \$8240.

### ALLEN AND ROBINSON LOCATION WILL NEED TO BE CONDEMNED

It has been discovered, through a search of all the records, that there is no doubt as to the title of Allen & Robinson to the block of land below Queen street and Ewa of Port. The search has revealed the fact that grants, sales and awards have, from time to time, completed the block, and given the title to Allen & Robinson, or rather perhaps its lessor, the Robinson Estate.

There is a wedge shaped piece of land, that runs from nothing to a width of nine feet, along the side of the lot. This, so far, has not been traced to the ownership of the firm. However, it is just a small slice that is useless for any purpose.

At the meeting of the Harbor Commissioners this afternoon the whole matter was brought up, and the chairman reported the result of his search after titles to the land. There is one question that has to be settled yet, and that is whether or no riparian rights ever belonged to the Allens or Robinsons. This means that condemnation proceedings will have to be taken in order to obtain the land needed for wharves.

### TAX ASSESSORS FINISH TWO ISLES

This morning the board of equalization met in the tax assessor's office and work on the assessments of the different islands was taken up again. The island of Maui, which was partly dealt with yesterday afternoon, was finished up and then Oahu was tackled. Kaula is already finished.

As soon as the assessments of Oahu are checked those of Hawaii will be started on. When the whole group has been gone over the equalization work proper will be begun.

All the members of the board were present this morning and rapid progress was made with the work. It is expected that figures in connection with the assessments will be given out in a day or two.

The Chinese famine relief fund is \$10,545.

### Pacific Reserve Fleet The Latest Naval Word

According to latest mail advices the Pacific reserve squadron is to be increased to dimensions justifying the title of the "Pacific reserve fleet," which that particular flotilla is in fact to be called. This is in pursuance of the determined policy of keeping in reserve more than the eight vessels constituting a squadron.

At present the Pacific reserve squadron is at the Bremerton navy yard, and consists of the Pennsylvania, Oregon, St. Louis and Raleigh. To raise it to fleet dimensions this squadron will be augmented by the New Orleans, Cleveland, Chattanooga, Milwaukee, West Virginia, Galveston, Charleston, Davis and Fox.

Bremerton dispatches confirm the report that eight big ships will soon be ordered around to the Pacific coast from the Atlantic. From the same source it is learned that the cruisers Washington and Tennessee are now being put into shape on the Atlantic coast for a return to the Pacific, where they will be stationed to strengthen the fleet.

The cruiser Maryland, Captain John Elliott commanding, which is now on patrol duty in the canal zone, is expected to arrive at Mare Island on or about April 15.

According to the foregoing news the West Virginia and Maryland will not, as some people on the fleet lately here expected, return to Honolulu. With the large additions being made to the Pacific fleet from the Atlantic, it should not be improbable that a squadron, or at least half one, will before long be detailed to Honolulu.